

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 16 and 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are cancelled.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability for claims 3, 16 and 17.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Semple, U. S. Patent No. 6,408,307 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1 and 2. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3, 16 and 17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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